

## REMARKS

The Office Action dated April 27, 2007 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments and the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response thereto. Claims 1-3 are pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 1 and 2 and the Abstract are amended, and new claim 3 is added. Support for the subject matter of the amendments to claims 1 and 2, and new claim 3, can be found in the drawings at, for example, Figures 1-2 and the Specification at, for example, page 4, lines 19-24. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objects to the Abstract. The Abstract is amended to overcome the objection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the Abstract is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-2 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Okuda (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0053838). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

In particular, the present application claims an outer rotor type multiple generator that includes a stator and a rotor, wherein the rotor yoke comprises an end wall member and a cylindrical member, the cylindrical member being made of steel and the end wall member being made of an aluminum alloy and wherein projections are provided on an end face of the ring portion, the projections being inserted into engagement holes provided in a collar portion of the cylindrical member, and a portion of each of the

projections projecting from the corresponding engagement hole so as to engage with the collar, as recited in independent claim 1.

Okuda teaches a motor/generator housed in an annular space formed between an engine sidewall and a crank pulley fixed to an end of the crankshaft (Abstract). Okuda further teaches a crank pulley 9, which the Patent Office appears to associate to the claimed rotor yoke, that is integrally formed with the cooling fan blades 32a of the side wall 32 and the cylindrical peripheral wall 33 (Figure 3; Office Action, page 3, lines 1-2). Accordingly, the crank pulley 9 and the cooling fan blades 32a of the side wall 32 of the same material because they are integrally formed. Thus, Okuda's side wall 32 and peripheral wall 33 are not of different materials. Accordingly, Okuda fails to disclose or suggest that the cylindrical member being made of steel and the end wall member being made of an aluminum alloy, as recited in independent claim 1.

Furthermore, Okuda also fails to disclose or suggest that projections that are provided on an end face of the ring portion are inserted into engagement holes provided in a collar portion of the cylindrical member, as recited in independent claim 1.

For at least these reasons, Okuda fails to disclose or suggest the features of independent claim 1. Thus, independent claim 1, and its dependent claims 2-3, are patentable over Okuda. Thus, withdrawal or rejection of the claims and the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application into better form, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned representative at the number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

Respectfully submitted,



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